Die Iovis, 19 Decemb. 1644.

Whereas some doubts have been raised whether the next Fast shall be celebrated, because it falleth on the day which heretofore was usually called the feast of the Nativity of our Saviour, The Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled doe order and ordaine that publique notice be given that the Fast appointed to be kept on the last Wednesday in every moneth ought to be observed untill it be otherwise ordered by both houses of Parliament: And that this day in particular is to be kept with the more solemne humiliation, because it may call to remembrance our sinnes, and the sinnes of our forefathers, who have turned this Feast, pretending the Memory of Christ, into an extreame forgetfulnesse of him, by giving liberty to carnall and sensuall delights, being contrary to the life which Christ himselfe led here upon earth, and to the spirituall life of Christ in our soules, for the sanctifying and saving whereof Christ was pleased both to take a humane life, and to lay it down againe.

Die Jovis, 19 Decemb. 1644.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament assembled, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed, and published on the next Lords day in all the Churches and Chappels within the [illegible] of [illegible], and [illegible] of mortality.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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